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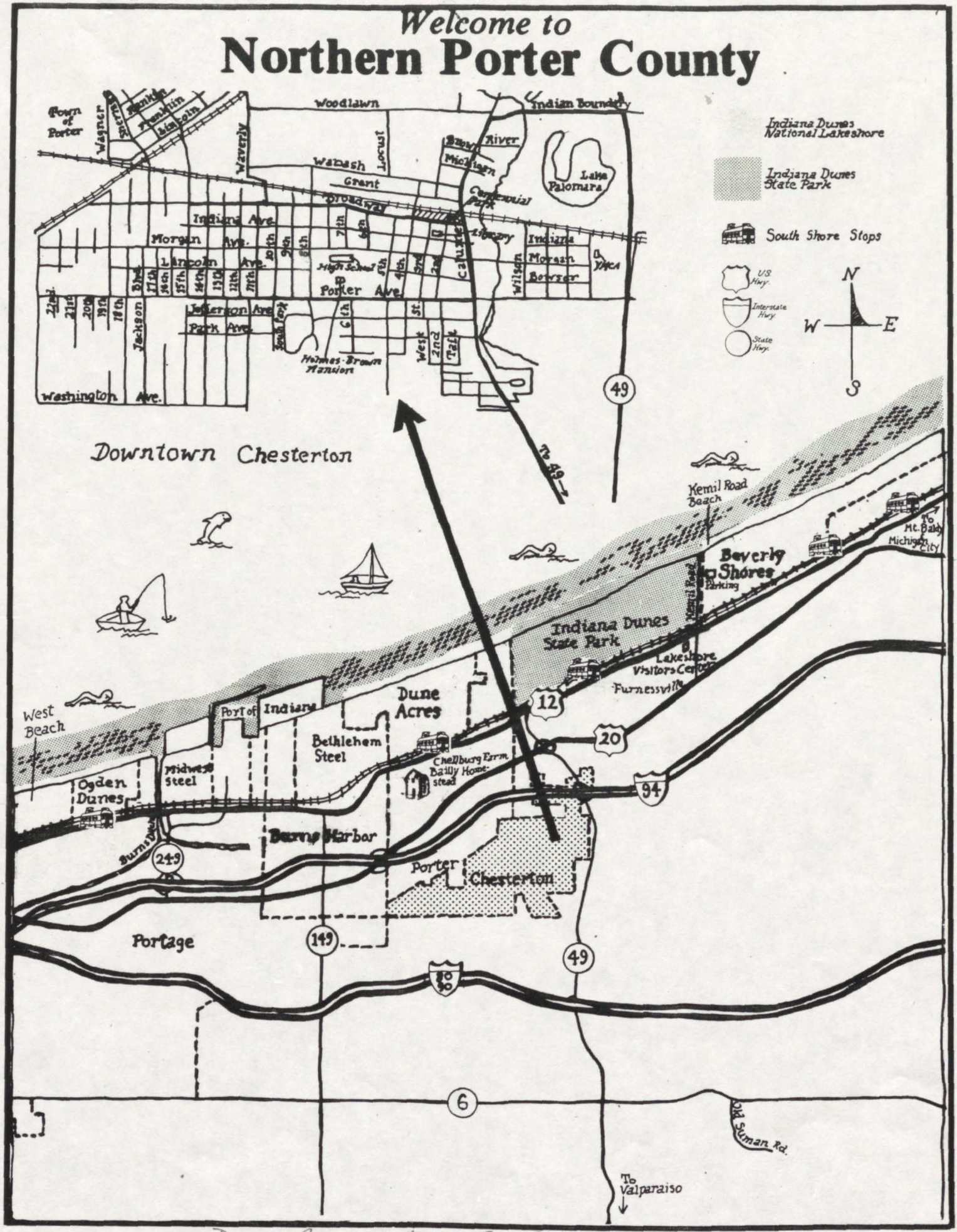

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A Tour Guide of North Porter County

CHESTERTON-PORTER AREA

Area Code 219

Time Zone CST summer months

DOWNTOWN CHESTERTON - there are two blocks of shops on Broadway, one at a right angle to it on Calumet; and they meet at the town's only stoplight, across the street from the park. The buildings have been there for generations, and so have many of the businesses in this quaint setting. **Leslie Pratt's Mens Clothing** has been there for nearly half a century. So has **Flannery's Tavern.** The **Ben Franklin** variety store and **Dineas Jewelers** have been serving customers for thirty years, and the **Chesterton Tribune** has printed its weekly (now daily) newspapers downtown since Hector was a pup. Within easy walking distance are all four antique shops, **The Freight Station,** new library, **Chesterton Art Gallery, Don's Camera Shop, Main Street,** the **Jewelled Gazebo, D's Sweets and Treats,** the **Magnificent Obsession,** the **Cricket Box** and **Bailey's,** an extraordinary shop of fine furniture. There are concerts at the bandstand in the park, and most of the brick in the buildings was made a mile away almost a century ago. Great leafy maples line the streets, and large ornate wooden homes can be seen for several blocks South and West of the stoplight. Somebody should make a movie here — and probably will.

INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK - Indiana's most popular state park, with facilities for 25,000 or more on a single weekend. Three miles of beach on Lake Michigan; lifeguards, pavilion, refectory, seven well-marked nature trails that take you over dunes, into valleys, around bogs of unique ecological development. Many supervised activites in season — ranger-led bird and nature walks. Essentially a day-use park, but there are several camping areas. Reservations a must. Admission fee. Tremont is nearest South Shore stop; then a 3-mile walk. At North end of Route 49. For information write MR Box 322, Chesterton IN 46304; or phone 926-1215.

CHESTERTON ART GALLERY - this is the official gallery of the Association of Artists and Craftsmen of Porter County, open all year round for programs, classes and exhibits. A small sales room contains modestly priced items by local artists. Tues.-Sun. 2-5. 115 S. Fourth Street, 926-4711.

MAIN STREET - right smack downtown at the stoplight is this two-story aggregation of small specialty shops. At this writing there is a dried-flower and gift shop, Western Clothing and horse tack shop, art gallery and crafts shop and room for several more as the unique concept for this building expands. You can get a Coke here too, and sit at the indoor "park" which is a giant mural on the wall.

THE FREIGHT STATION - right in the middle of downtown Chesterton, the old New York Central Freight Station has been restored and turned into an amazing variety of craft stalls, antiques, an art-supply store on one balcony. This is where every visitor to Chesterton comes first. A used-book store (**The Country Bookshelf**) is here too. 112 N. 4th Street, Chesterton. 926-6030

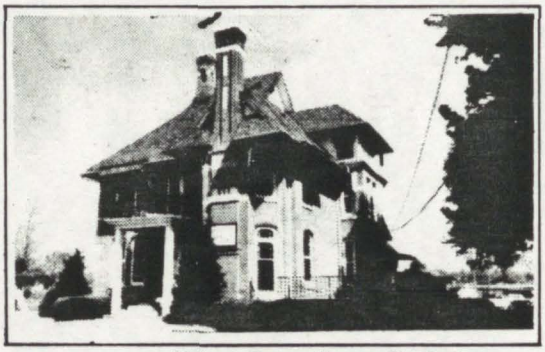
SUN AND SAND - a gallery of original color dunes photographs by Damon Dietrich and others, framed and ready to hang. At Dietrich Printers, 104 N. Calumet, Chesterton. 926-2566

CAROL'S ANTIQUES - right at home in one of the old stores of downtown Chesterton are the hundreds of unusual antiques gathered by Carol Bratcher in her charming shop. 926-4757.

RUSS & BARB'S ANTIQUES - Chesterton's newest fine antique store, with two floors of antiques, including hundred of salt shakers and open salts, and a large aggregation of cut glass. 3rd and Lincoln, Chesterton. 10-5 weekdays, 12-5 Sun. Closed Mondays. 926-4937

THE ANTIQUE SHOP - a fine collection of objects from yesteryear, beautifully arranged in room settings. Antiques include lots of furniture and a vast array of everything else. 105 W. Porter. 926-1400

UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS ANTIQUES - a broad selection of general antiques, latter-day articles, collectibles, glassware and jewelry. Antiques fill every room on two floors of this small home. 402 Grant Street. 926-3894



Holmes-Brown House, Chesterton.

JEWELLED GAZEBO - oil paintings and artwork of all kinds are featured in the Gazebo's gallery. Fine clocks, watches and jewelry are offered for sale and repaired. It's also the place to go for exquisite custom jewelry and fine gifts. Closed Mondays. Tues.-Sat. 9-5, Sun. 12-5. 132 S. Calumet, 926-2555.

SHADY LAWN FLORIST - an out-of-the-ordinary floral shop, including an indoor aviary. Mon.-Sat. 9-5:30. 726 S. Calumet, 926-7641.

CHESTERTON FEED & GARDEN CENTER - midway between Porter and Chesterton, this friendly store has every kind of garden need, bulk seeds, animal feeds, and the largest selection of bird feeders (many handmade) in Northern Indiana. English flower and vegetable seeds. Greenhouse plants, helpful staff. 400 Locust Street. 926-2790

MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION - go for ice cream treats or gourmet luncheon and dinner fare. A French-Quarter complex of old-time buildings, antique decor, unusually decorated dining-rooms. The best hot-fudge sundaes in town. Closed Mondays. At 225 S. Calumet. 926-1860

LEONARD'S RESTAURANT - Greek specialties along with American favorites are served at this casual, family style restaurant. Daily specials. 117 Calumet Road, Chesterton. 926-9982

THE SPA - one of the dunes area's most widely known fine restaurants. Excellent food in an elegant setting. Watch raccoons feed outside your picture window. Lunch 11-3, dinner 5-10, entertainment and dancing, fabulous Sunday Brunch. Closed Mondays. Just South of 20 at Mineral Springs Road, Porter. 926-1654.

FURNESSVILLE AREA

SCHOOLHOUSE SHOP - established nearly thirty years ago as an arts and crafts shop in a private home, this century-old schoolbuilding continues to excite visitors with unusual gifts from around the world, quality mens and womens clothing, jewelry, china, Wedgewood, gourmet cookware, crystal, pewter, toys, a cupboard of candies, spices and teas. Almost everything here is seldom found elsewhere. In National Register of Historic Buildings. Between Chesterton and Beverly Shores, just off Route 20 in Furnessville. Closed Mondays. 926-1875

BAILLY HOMESTEAD - the 1820's home, cemetary and fur trading post of Joseph Bailly, the region's first permanent resident, has been partially restored along the bank of the Little Calumet River. Site of annual Duneland Folk Festival which in summer brings thousands of visitors here for two days of traditional music, non-commercialized handicrafts, costumed trappers and artisans. Home interior open to special tours. Nearby **Chellberg Farm,** within walking distance, is a partially restored 19th century farm, with ground-breaking, sowing, cultivating and harvesting done with traditional turn-of-the-century methods. Maple sugar harvesting in Spring. Picnic areas at both places. Part of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Open year round, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

LY-CO-KI-WI HORSE TRAIL - several miles of horse trail through picturesque dune areas open to the public. Horse trailer parking and picnic area at entranceway. On Route 20, about 5 miles E of 49, at Schoolhouse Road. Also near Visitor Center.

KEMIL ROAD BEACH - easternmost supervised beach of the National Lakeshore. At East end of Kimel Road. Limited parking area. Restrooms. Lifeguards at swimming area in the summer. Two miles or so of beautiful beach for hiking. No admission fee. Local police ticket cars parked in unauthorized areas.

NATIONAL LAKESHORE VISITORS CENTER - 3 miles E of 49 at Kemil Road, Furnessville, on Rt. 12. Self-guided nature trail, 10 minute orientation slide show inside auditorium. Bookstore, rest-rooms indoor programs, Rangers to answer questions year round. 8-8 in summer, 8-5 in winter. Information: 926-7561. You can get free Singing Sands Almanac newspaper here (or have it sent to you by mail free by writing National Lake-shore, 1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN

KEMIL ROAD SOUTH SHORE STATION - a new stop for the South Shore, only during summer and only at certain times. Make sure before train starts that it will stop there; and that it can be flagged to stop when you go home. Within a mile of Kemil Road Beach, ½ mile of Ly-co-ki-wi Horse (and hiking and cross country skiing) Trail, and across highway from National Lakeshore Visitors Center.

BEVERLY SHORES - (Pop. 900), a town nestled in the dunes along the lake, created out of whole cloth by a Chicago developer in the late 1920's who built an ornate Railroad Station for South

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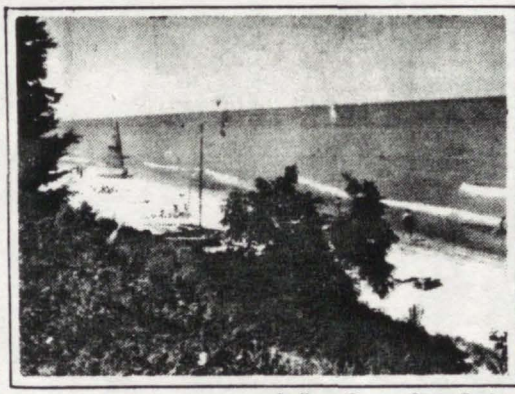
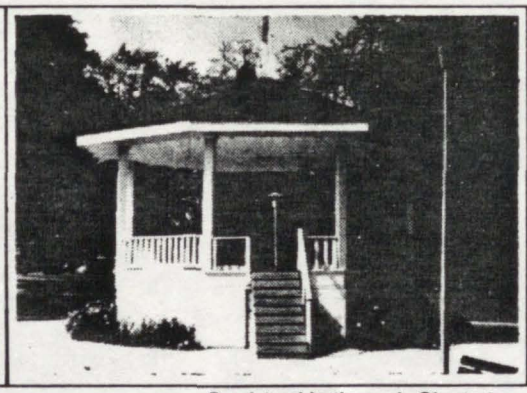


Indiana Dunes State Park.



Bandstand in the park, Chesterton.

Svenska Skola, Porter.

South Lake Cty *continued*

JOLLY GINGER'S - in Holiday Inn, Merrillville. 769-6311. American foods, Sunday brunch, salad bar, entertainment.
GERMAN INN - 2225 W. Lincoln Highway, Merrillville. German and American cuisine. 769-2986.
NEW MOON - 8250 Calumet, Munster. 836-5464. Chinese. Rte. 30 & I-65, Merrillville. 738-2666. Chinese.
ANGELO'S SICILIAN CART - Lunch & Dinner. Italian, American. 1515 E. 82nd Ave., Merrillville.
CARSON'S GARDEN RESTAURANT - in Southlake Mall, Merrillville. Family dining, salad bar, Sunday Brunch, buffet.
BON FEMME - W. Liberty Square, Merrillville. Lunch & early dinner, French Country cuisine.
S.O.B.'s SPEAKEASY - in Dillinger Jail Complex, Crown Point. 769-8576
HOUSE OF KOBE - 1957 Wicker Blvd., Schererville. 322-1919. Japanese steak & cuisine.
THE GATHERING - Rt. 30, Merrillville & also Rt. 41, Schererville. American, family restaurants. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, salad bar.
SECOND HAND ROSA'S - I-65 & US 30, Merrillville. 769-ROSA
FIFE & DRUM PUB - 145 W. Commercial Street, Lowell. 696-7494
THE HINDQUARTER - steakhouse and lounge, just East of town in Lowell. Excellent fare, prime rib, seafood, continental specialties. A fabulous Sunday brunch. 696-6465
FERRERO'S COUNTRYSIDE RESTAURANT - 1300 N. Main, Crown Point. Family dining. 663-1745.
CORK & CLEAVER - 775 E. 81 pl., Merrillville, 738-2852
SMUGGLER'S INN - US 30, Merrillville, 738-2794. Lunch, 11:30-2:30; Dinner.
WHITE CASTLE - these small, tasty 26¢ hamburgers now available in Merrillville. Located just north of Century Mall on US 30 in Merrillville.

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North Porter Cty *continued*

Shore RR passengers, some matching public buildings, brought ten model homes across the Lake from the 1933 World's Fair. There are the House of Tomorrow, the Cypress Log House, Florida Tropical House, Armco-Ferro Enamel House, half of the Old North Church (the other half being sunk when its barge collapsed), a Ben Franklin House and a Paul Revere House. There are also several Lustron homes. All on the beachfron area by the National lakeshore, and this historical architectural area will ultimately be opened to the public — in about 20 years.
RED LANTERN INN - a large inn and restaurant of vast size and high quality, offers dinners in a dining area above the beach, where you can see the waves as you eat and hear their splashing on the rocks and sand below.

Portage Area

WOODLAND PARK - a city park of charm and many activities year round. On Willowcreek Road, just S of Route 20. Attendents on duty in park recreation bldg.
WEST BEACH - Westernmost developed public area of National Lakeshore. Information, limited parking, picnic areas, restrooms, bathhouse, supervised swimming in season, miles of beach area, with bogs, trails. Possibly the most beautiful beach and dunes area in entire Lakeshore. Cross-country skiing. Entrance at Lake-Porter county line road, N of Route 12. Parking fee in summer. Showers, bathrooms, concession stand. Open year round daily.
CREEK BEND ARTWORKS - a tiny pottery of real merit, showing its own ceramics (Chuck Chesnul and Jeannine Cole) and those of friends. Classes, supplies. Other artworks. Open limited hours. 762-7925. At 5484 Central Avenue.
LARSON'S BONANZA - a large, unusual and very popular restaurant that goes beyond fast foods in quality and variety. Chicken, spaghetti, prime rib, steaks, liver and onions are among house specialties — home-made pies and fancy desserts. Modest prices. Has been #1 in national Bonanza sales for several years running. In Portage Mall. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 762-6536

South Haven Area

R-WAY SKATING CENTER - a huge new roller skating center, open daily. Classes, rentals; call for schedule of children's and adult sessions. Speed and Figure clubs. Off Route 6 at 3600 Scottsdale Street. Recording of schedule: 759-2556. Live information: 759-5353.
WOLF HOMESTEAD - a large red brick house built by owner of largest farm in county, circa 1885. Noble, well-preserved structure now houses a bridal shop, flower shop, and several other shops. Quaint, handsome, effulgent with architectural splendor. 450 N and East Cleveland, a mile off Route 6 W of South Haven Mall.

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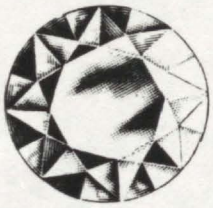

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